

Remarks/Arguments

1. The drawings were objected to for the reasons set forth in the PTO form 948. Replacement sheets are submitted herewith and include changes responding to the informalities raised. It is believed that the figures in the replacement sheets are now in conformity with the applicable rules. No new matter has been added.
2. The Specification was objected to because of a typographical error in paragraph [0020]. This error has been corrected in the replacement paragraph [0020].
3. Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for the lack of antecedent basis for “the roughened surface”. Since claims 7 and 8 are cancelled by this amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.
4. Claims 1, 6, 11 and 15 were rejected under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over AAPA in view of Bargholtz et al. (“Bargholtz”). Insofar as this rejection might be applied to the claims now in the application, it is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3, claim 6 has been cancelled, claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 14, and claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 16. Thus, the rejections of claims 1, 6, 11 and 15 should generally be moot, except to the extent that they relate to the claims 3, 14 and 16—to be discussed immediately below.
5. The rejections of claims 8-10 should be moot in that these claims have been cancelled. Claims 3, 14 and 16 were rejected under the provisions of 35

U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the AAPA in view of **OFFICIAL NOTICE** taken by the Examiner "...that the use of a coating of paint containing grit-like material is old and well know for its adhesion preventing ability...". Insofar as this rejection might be applied to the claims now in the application, it is respectfully traversed.

This rejection is, as far as it is understood, is based solely upon the Examiner's personal knowledge, something very difficult, if not impossible, to refute. Applicant hereby requests an affidavit from the Examiner describing in detail the prior art, experience or special knowledge of which he is aware or possesses that supports this rejection.

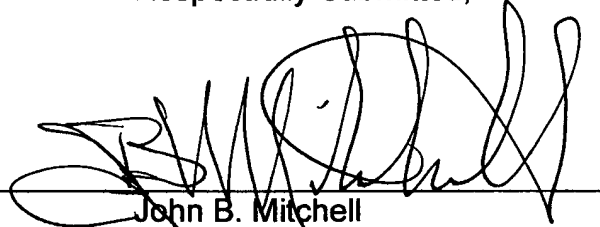
Further with regard to this rejection, Applicant has discovered that these specialized wrapping mechanisms operate significantly more reliably when the coating claimed is in place on the components. The environment in which these balers work is quite dirty and rough and any advances in reliability are significant. In fact, Applicant would point out that there is considerable research and testing done in this art area, and if this was an obvious improvement or combination, one must argue that it would have been identified before now. Even more relevant, a coating of paint with a grit-like material in it would seem more likely to increase the friction between the components and the material—yet the opposite results are achieved. Applicant submits that the claims now in the case are limited in scope to the preferred embodiment and that the prior art does not combine to match the requirements of section 103.

In summary, claims 1, 4, 11, and 15 have been amended, claims 2, 3, 5-10, 13, 14, 16, and 17 have been cancelled, and claims 1, 4, 11, 12, and 15 remain in the application. Applicant submits that all objections and rejections have been rendered moot or overcome, and respectfully requests that they be withdrawn and that the application be allowed.

Pursuant to currently recommended Patent Office practice, the Examiner is expressly authorized to call Applicant's attorney, collect, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, if in his judgment disposition of this application could be expedited or if he considers the application ready for final disposition by other than allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John B. Mitchell', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with large loops and flourishes.

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Replacement Drawings:

The attached two sheets of drawings (2 Sheets) include all figures in the application (Figs. 1-3) and are responsive to the informalities identified in PTO form 948 included with the Office Action of June 14, 2005. These sheets ,which include Figs. 1-3, replace the original sheets.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets